

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-3705

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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding to design and construct enhanced pedestrian crossings in the rural Santiam Canyon communities of Mill City, Gates, and Idanha.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Oregon Department of Transportation, 355 Capitol Street NE, Salem, OR 97301

The project includes three crossing locations in three communities: Mill City, Gates, and Idanha. In Mill City the project is adjacent to 509 NE Santiam Blvd, Mill City, OR 97360. In Gates it is closest to 101 N Santiam Hwy E, Gates, OR 97346. In Idanha the project is located adjacent to 103 OR 22, Idanha, OR 97350.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds. OR22 runs through these communities resulting in a barrier to walking to retail, services, and schools. The roadway speeds (45 MPH+) and volumes justify the need for enhanced crossings including better lighting, pedestrian refuge islands, and rectangular rapid flashing beacons (RRFB). None of these communities have crossings with these elements. Constructing these improvements will greatly increase safety for those who need to cross OR22 on foot. All three communities were impacted by the 2020 wildfires and have been in contact with ODOT for many years seeking resources for pedestrian improvements.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 23 USC 133. I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Lori Chavez-DeRemer
Member of Congress